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HOW TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

By THE REV. GEORGE COPELAND

Former Editor

(Reprinted from a previous issue)

The early Christians were rather slow in agreeing upon a date to celebrate Christmas. Indeed at first they may not have kept the feast at all, for it is not until about 350 A.D. that we find St. Chrysostom writing, "On this day, December 25, the Birthday of Christ was lately fixed at Rome, in order that while the heathen were busy with their profane ceremonies the Christians might perform their sacred rites undisturbed."

And even when Christmas was given a place in the calendar, it was intended to be a purely spiritual festival, austere and unadorned with any of the cheerful customs which are now inseparably associated with the season. Chrysostom and his contemporaries concentrated on the heavenly doctrine of the Incarnation rather than on the earthly events of the Nativity in Bethlehem, which we love to recall and dramatize as we watch with the shepherds and worship with the kings.

But a festival can no more be isolated from its environment than a child; and since their heathen neighbors were eating and drinking and dancing on December 25th, the Church was hard put to prevent her own members from making merry also; and wisely compromised by allowing those who had recently come over from Paganism to Christianity to "baptize" and keep

some of their pagan customs provided they gave up their pagan gods. It was a sensible thing to make a virtue of necessity, for, as one writer said, they thus slew the pagan gods and entombed them in the names of the days of the week and the months of the year.

So both the Christians and their unbelieving neighbors danced and feasted and gave presents at the end of December, but for very different reasons: the pagans because the sun now rose higher in the heavens, the Christians because "the Son of Righteousness had risen with healing in His wings."



Thus began the long line of traditional Christmas customs which always give the season so much of its warmth and color no matter how cold and bleak the landscape without. When we think of the distinctive Christmas decorations, the holly and laurel and mistletoe, or the evergreen trees laden with presents and tinkling with lights, or the feasting and frolic and mirth at every table and in every home, we are thinking of what Christians have borrowed from paganism to help keep the feast; customs which we sincerely hope they will never return to the pagans again, as many of our ancestors foolishly tried to do in colonial New England.

But best of all Christmas customs is one that is not pagan at all, namely carol singing. The carols are so dear to us that many people feel that the most appropriate way to keep the day is in the angelic way of song. These we owe largely to the unconventional St. Francis of Assisi and his followers, who defied custom in order to brighten, and humanize the Church services which in 1200 A.D. were as sombre on Christmas as on Good Friday. He introduced the creche—a living one at first with a real ox and ass and mother and child—while his followers, wisely bold as he, brought in out of the secular marketplace the jolly folk and dance tunes,

consecrating them inside the Church with sacred words.

Such an inspired lead was followed by all Europe and Britain, whose writers enriched Christmas with gems like "Silent Night" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing." Then late in time, to head them all, came our own Philadelphians, Phillips Brooks and Lewis H. Redner, to give to the world that most tender and moving of all Christmas carols "O Little Town of Bethlehem," which has recaptured the holy quiet of the first Christmas night more perfectly than any other carol and is so genuinely inspired that it has the power to recreate in our own hearts the same blessed mood and experience. Hail to these two blithe and blessed spirits! Christmas has been eternally enriched by their song.

There are therefore two essential parts to a Christmas celebration, the outer and visible one that we love so much because we are all children then, and the inner truth on which all our hope depends. Today too many see only the external acts, the feasting and the frolic. They are like an ignorant man who makes the frame more elaborate than the picture within. Good as are the traditional customs associated with Christmas, the eternal truth which they enshrine is much more important, namely, that God came as man in Jesus Christ on the first Christmas morn, and is still with us and in us, loving, struggling, suffering, and conquering. Emmanuel, God with us! That is the momentous fact we celebrate.

DAUGHTERS OF THE KING

Diocesan officers of the Daughters of the King were entertained at a supper meeting in Bristol, Pa., by the St. James Chapter on October 15. An informal discussion on increasing membership to the Aides of the Daughters of the King was led by Miss Jane Rogers, president of St. James Chapter, and Miss Hattie Bunting, diocesan president.

The following members of the Daughters of the King from this diocese attended the Provincial Synod meeting in Easton, Md., Oct. 21 to 23: Miss Clara Stackhouse, national financial chairman; Miss Hattie K. Bunting, diocesan president; Mrs. Caroll Brooks, president of St. Luke's, Germantown, chapter; Mrs. William Stiver, secretary, Christ Church and St. Michael's chapter; Mrs. Donald Hilsee, president, St. Peter's, Germantown, chapter.

Work Among Episcopal College Students

The work of the Chaplain at the University of Pennsylvania, the Rev. Charles K. C. Lawrence, opened this fall with the camp held for freshmen at Green Lane, the week before college registrations. There the Episcopal students, with their fellow freshmen, heard talks from the leaders of the University, both student and faculty and clergy, in preparation for their college experience. The Chaplain held a celebration of the Holy Communion for the Episcopal group and was gratified to have 100% attendance, a good start for any freshman in his college career. Later he preached at the denominational service held for all the campers.

The opening service for students was held in St. Mary's Church on October the 4th and a goodly number were present to worship their God at their Church by the campus. That same Sunday afternoon a reception was held in St. Mary's House, the residence of the Chaplain to students, across from the Divinity School, for all members of the Church attending any department of the University. Bishop and Mrs. Hart were present to greet those who came as well as the Chaplain and his wife and the President and officers of the Canterbury Club. Canterbury is the student expression of the work of the Church on the Pennsylvania campus.

Besides the regular services of the Church on Sunday mornings such as are held in any parish Church, to which the students are invited, there is a special service of Evening Prayer at 7 P.M. following a light supper for students in the Parish House of St. Mary's Church at 6 P.M. Following the evening service some program of interest to students is presented and there is opportunity for fun and fellowship. The students have had a square dance one Sunday evening and a picnic at Valley Forge another Sun-

day afternoon and a panel discussion on Comparative Religions on another Sunday evening. On Wednesday morning the Chaplain celebrates the Holy Communion in St. Mary's Church at 8:00 A.M. and a breakfast follows for students in the Parish House. This is a small gathering of faithful souls but the altar is the heart of our spiritual work on this campus. On Thursday noons Canterbury meets for a luncheon in the Christian Association Building at the edge of the campus to hear a speaker talk on some aspect of student social or religious welfare. The Chaplain has an office in the same building along with ministers of other Churches and is always ready to counsel and see any member of the University family. Occasionally there are members of the faculty who seek him out for confirmation instruction or some other service, as well as students. The variety of student needs is very great and the Chaplain may be called upon to comfort a mother whose child has gone astray, to give marriage instruction, or pray with the sick in the nearby hospital, or chaperon at a dance sponsored by the Christian Association, or speak at a group or meeting in the University. The opportunities of witnessing to Christ and His Church and teaching the faith once delivered to the saints as this Church has received the same are very many. Two courses of instruction are being given at the present time in cooperation with the other clergy in the Christian Association in a general program of teaching on different aspects of Christian faith and life. The Chaplain is teaching one course on Christianity and Communism and another on the Pauline Epistles.

Any member of the Church in this diocese who has a child at the University is most welcome to write or come to see the Chaplain about any problems connected with his child's welfare and he will try to be of service. The Church provides for the care of the souls of her children in every state and condition of life and certainly none is more turbulent or vital than that stage of maturing which we call "getting a college education."



★ Merry Christmas ★

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DIOCESAN ADMINISTRATIVE

PROCEDURE

Authorized by the Deans and approved
by Bishop Hart and Bishop Armstrong

In order to relieve Bishop Hart of the burden of many administrative details we wish to stress the fact that the following administrative procedure shall be followed from this date on:

When a Mission has a program or project which it deems necessary and wise for the benefit of its work, the matter shall be presented to the Dean of its Convocation for joint consideration with the Chairman of the Department of Missions, in order that it may be presented to the Executive Council through the Department of Missions.

If the project requires preliminary architectural or engineering advice the Dean will refer it to the Property Committee of the Diocese. They in turn will prepare a report for the Department of Missions.

In similar manner if any project requires advice on Financial Safeguards, Publicity or any other Field, the same procedure shall be followed.

Any project involving emergency repairs or alterations costing Five Hundred (\$500.00) or less may be undertaken by the Committee of the respective Mission without consultation with the Dean if the Mission possesses the necessary funds.

Proceeds from the sale or rental of Mission property must be held by the Church Foundation until direction is given by the Bishop and the Executive Council as to the use of such funds.

Parishes may avail themselves of the services of the various Committees of the Department of Finance, as well as other Departments, by presenting the request to the Chairman of the Department involved.

The Department Heads and Officers of the Woman's Auxiliary shall consult Bishop Hart only on policy questions affecting the entire Diocese. Other problems shall be taken up with the Secretary of the Diocese.

Any members of Diocesan Committees wanting work done by members of the staff of the Church House shall make the request to Dr. Long.

Bishop

Hart's

Message



Recently I visited Trinity Church, Solebury, and was pleased to note the number of new members that they had received by letters of transfer. A great many of our communicants are lost because they move to another neighborhood, cease to be active members of their old parish, but do not transfer to the parish nearest their new residence. Under our system this is their privilege. Some do not like to transfer because of a sentimental attachment to dear old St. Lazarus on the Hill. Others do not transfer because of indifference. Some remain active members of their old parish regardless of where they live.

The problem has been accentuated in our day because of the great shifts of the population. About one-tenth of our people move every year. Today, a parish conceivably can have a hundred percent turn over in ten years. I am continually amazed by the stories our clergy tell me about the number of changes in their congregations. The parish is the unit of our church life and everything possible must be done to hold together the fellowship centered in the parish. If a Rector knows of a communicant who has moved to another neighborhood, he will naturally keep in close touch with him. If he continues to be an active member of the parish, well and good. If not, the

Rector should be careful to put the Rector of the nearest parish in touch with him.

One of our parishes has adopted a plan which appeals to me very much. The Vestry appointed a Membership Committee, consisting of the General Chairman and seven area Chairmen. Some are Vestrymen. Some are not. The Committee has divided the section of the city surrounding their church into seven areas. Over each area, there is a Chairman. He, or one of his assistants, calls on every newcomer in his area. If the new resident is an Episcopalian, he is invited to get a letter of transfer to their parish. If the new resident is not a member of any church, he is invited to our church. The Membership Committee is active twelve months of the year and reports monthly to the Vestry at their meeting on the Committee's work. The Rector is kept fully informed and reports that he is kept busy calling and that his calls are more fruitful. No system is perfect, but certainly this parish is aware of the conditions under which we are living today. The Vestry is showing a fine sense of responsibility to stop the loss of communicants which has been all too evident in recent years. I should like to hear what other Vestries are doing to solve this great problem.

May the Advent season bring us to Christmas well prepared for that great Feast.

YOUR BISHOP

Olin Hart





The Historio-Institutional Element In Religion

A Meditation by

THE RT. REV. J. GILLESPIE ARMSTRONG

Suffragan Bishop of Pennsylvania

Micah 6:8. "He hath shewed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with God?"

In continuing our consideration of what religion is it would appear worth while to consider separately the inter-related and mutually inter-dependent elements—three elements—that come within it: namely the institutional, the intellectual and the mystical aspects. Quotation from *THE MYSTICAL ELEMENT OF RELIGION* by Baron Von Hugel: "Our introductory position as to the three great forces of the soul, with the corresponding three great elements of religion, appears, then, to have stood the test of our detailed investigation. For each of these forces and corresponding elements has turned out to be necessary to religion, and yet to become destructive of itself and of religion in general where this soul-force and religious element is allowed gravely to cripple, or all but to exclude, the other forces and elements, and their vigorous and normal action and influence. Each of these three forces and elements is indeed necessary, but ruinously destructive where it more or less ousts the other two."

So with this warning that our consideration of the institutional element in this single article must not be allowed to become satisfactory in itself, let us look at the first of these aspects.

The institutional appears first in our experience when a child as sense and a memory. If we can remember clearly we will recall that our first impact was that of an external religious symbol or place; some picture, some cross or book, some movement of some attendants hands and eyes and this was interpreted to us by a particular person—a mother,

a nurse, a father, teacher, minister, all of whom would belong to some more or less well defined traditional, institutional religion.

In visiting a Church School recently I saw this illustrated when I found small children coloring pictures—one picture in which Christ and some sheep were to be colored. This picture in itself would only be a combination of colors and lines until the teacher told the story by which identification in the historio-institutional scheme would be made and the peg on which the thinking of the child would find a focus. A fact is born. We can readily move from such childish experiences to the impact of new fact—facts that can be found in the Creed, the Lord's Prayer, the General Confession and Absolution, the Prayer of Thanksgiving and elsewhere in our institutional experiences of common worship. Rarely, if ever, do the compelling implications of such a combination of words conveying a fact (such as "Our Father") originally go beyond the simple fact (of a parental relationship) until the intellectual and mystical aspects are brought to bear. Should we remain in this first aspect of a creature under God's law we will remain in the area of blind superstition—acceptance without understanding. In

extremes of such insularity externals may be endowed with both beneficial and malignant power within themselves. In primitive thinking of mankind stones and places were believed by superstitious people to have either beneficial or malignant power (Animism). We find some modern illustrations of the abuse of this aspect in religion in finding, in a seemingly beneficial person, such spiritual and material aid in time of stress that the helper becomes identified with diety and, indeed, is professed to be God by his followers.

Notwithstanding these dangers the facts about the Creator and the created must be learned in order that the child or the person can say: "A rose. What kind of a rose? A red rose. A white rose. What is a red rose for?"

It is quite true that in this natural aspect there is less danger than there is in the interpretative and demonstrative aspects that follow and yet even in this first stage of identification we need collaboration to assure us that our discovery is Reality rather than a dream that may have been caused by "a bit of undigested potato." It is even well that we have the assurance that not only has more than one other person found the same experience but that the experience has been repeated many times over hundreds of years and has been shared and accepted by many different kinds of people.

The institutional then is the aspect of Religion that concerns itself with Revelation—discovery of the facts—the Law. There is not necessarily an understanding of what the law means or how it is to be applied. It is the area of discovery and is an essential element as it is the base out of which the following two flow. Let us liken it to the first three Gospels as compared to the fourth Gospel and the Epistles. It is obvious then that we must learn what the facts are before we can try to understand what they mean and so respond to them.

Religion here in the institutional then may be called a Fact and a Thing.



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THE REV. GEORGE COPELAND, EDITOR

In 1924 Bishop Garland appointed the Rev. George Copeland editor of THE CHURCH NEWS. He continued to guide this diocesan magazine for over twenty years. After his resignation as editor he continued as associate editor until the time of his death, which occurred on November 3, 1953.

During his long years of service on THE CHURCH NEWS Dr. Copeland set such high standards for the magazine that it has become the outstanding paper in its field. His editorials were gems of interest and inspiration. Many of them were timeless, and serve as well today as when they were written. An example of this fact is the Christmas editorial, written by our late editor many years ago, and reprinted as the lead article in this issue.

Dr. Copeland was born in Northern Ireland in 1881, moving to Philadelphia in his early childhood, attending public schools in this city and entering Lafayette College intending to study for a career as a lawyer. After his graduation from college he entered the Philadelphia Divinity School to prepare for the ministry, graduating in 1908. In 1950 the Divinity School conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity.

Ordained by Bishop Whitaker, he served two years as curate at the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square. He served as Minister-in-Charge of St. Ambrose Church, Howard and Ontario Streets, 1910-1915, and of Trinity Church, Collingdale, 1915-1916. In 1916 he was appointed Vicar of St. Peter's Church, Glenside, where he continued until his retirement in 1950.

The lives of his friends, his parishioners, and his readers have all been

enriched by his fine contributions in each area of influence. When he was taken to St. Peter's Church for burial on November 5 so many of his friends joined his family for the service that the building could not hold all who attended.

A GOOD GIFT SUGGESTION

We have found through the years that many Episcopalians like to give their fellow Churchmen subscriptions to THE CHURCH NEWS for Christmas gifts. We send an appropriate Christmas Card to announce the gift, and the monthly visit of the magazine is continuing experience of the Christmas

spirit. Please fill in the form on page 20 of this issue.

People who have just been confirmed would especially appreciate this sort of a gift. Shut-ins or others who for any reason are unable to attend the worship and other activities of the church always are glad to read in THE CHURCH NEWS what is going on. Give it now as a Christmas gift from one Christian to another.

The price for each subscription is only one dollar per year, which is not much more than the cost of a nice Christmas card which lasts for a very brief season. We will appreciate your prompt response to this suggestion.

Benefits From The Fund For The Episcopate

Does the Fund for the Episcopate seem a dull topic to you? It isn't—it's fascinating to see how interesting figures about it really are. Back in 1935 our churches were assessed \$25,859.62 for the support of our Bishops and their work (the Episcopate) and our Fund yielded but \$3,966.20 toward this amount. The remainder had to come from the individual parishes, each taxed proportionately.

Now watch these figures as the years go by. In 1938, the assessment was \$24,681.84 and the fund provided \$3,643.90 toward it. In 1941, the assessment had gone up to \$28,250.60 and the Fund was lower, \$2,757.47.

By 1944, The Bishop had reactivated the Committee on the Fund for the Episcopate, and Mr. Clarence M. Brown was made its chairman. Publicity about its work was begun, and observe what a difference knowledge made. More and more people were interested in making contributions or leaving legacies. In 1944, the assessment was \$28,062.50 and the income from the Fund was \$3,856.78. Three years later, in 1947, the assessment had gone up to \$35,782.64 and the income also had grown to \$6,974.16. By 1950 (when we had three Bishops) the assessment was \$51,906.28, and the income again had grown to \$9,973.65. One year later, in 1951, the assessment was lower—\$47,326.92, but the income again had increased to \$11,311.82. In 1952, again the assessment was less—\$36,192.42, and again the income had grown to \$13,295.53. This current year, the assessment is \$35,268.60 and

the estimated income is \$12,400.00, with the happy possibility that it will be larger than that.

As you observe, your parishes and missions are *now* benefitting from the Fund for the Episcopate, and if legacies *keep coming in*, they will benefit much more.

On the other hand, if the income from the Fund remained today where it stood in 1935, the total assessment for the support of the Episcopate for 1953 would have been \$43,702.40, instead of \$35,268.60 as it really is.

Wouldn't you like to know what difference this would make to your own parish? Well, for example, a parish of 200 members was assessed for 1953 the sum of \$97.64. Had there been no increase in the income from the Fund for the Episcopate, it would have been necessary for the assessment to have been \$121.00, or an increase of \$23.36.

For a larger parish, say one of 400 members, the figures would have run like this: current assessment \$241.48, larger assessment \$299.23, or a difference of \$57.75.

With a parish of 900 members, the difference would have been even more noticeable. Assessment for 1953 is \$732.43, but would have been \$907.57, or a raise of \$175.14.

This all affects you as an individual. Keep the Fund for the Episcopate working for you, by giving to it in your lifetime, and making provision for it in your will.

In the DIOCESE

HENRY STUART PAYNTER, *Editor*

The Women of St. Mary's Church, 39th and Locust Streets, recently held a benefit Dessert-Bridge, with the proceeds to go to The Rev. Arthur H. Richardson, of Baguio, P. I., who grew up in Saint Mary's during the Rectorship of his father, The Rev. George L. Richardson. This is to aid The Rev. Mr. Richardson in his project to assist Filipino girls who are going through Nursing School in the Philippines.

The Explorers' Club meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday evenings of each month in the Neighborhood House of Christ Church, 2nd above Market Streets. The meetings consist of an opening talk by the rector, followed by a discussion until 9.30 p.m. This is followed by a coffee hour and more informal discussion. The purpose is to explore the meaning of religion.

The Rev. Edward G. Harris, chaplain of the University of Pennsylvania, was the speaker at the October meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Chapel of the Holy Apostles, Penn Wynne. Congressman Samuel K. McConnell spoke in the chapel on Sunday evening, Oct. 18 under the auspices of the Men's Club.

Acolytes from Christ Church, Media, were taken by the rector to see the motion picture "The Robe."

Members of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. Martin's Church, Radnor, and of St. Christopher's Church, Gladwyne, served sandwiches and coffee at an auction sale on four days in October, and each organization shared in the proceeds.

The Main Line Church School Teachers' Association held their fall meeting at Old St. David's Church, Radnor.

Mr. Donald George Archer, executive secretary of the Main Line YMCA, recently addressed a meeting of the Young People of St. George's Church, Ardmore, on "Vocation."

Mr. George Wharton Pepper, who previously gave a collection of religious books to the library of St. David's Church, Radnor, has recently



provided a subscription to *Christianity and Crisis* and a membership in the Religious Book of the Month Club.

December programs for the Churchwoman's Club include: Dec. 1, Rev. Henry S. Paynter, Director, Department of Publicity, "Church Publicity"; Dec. 8, Rev. Stanley Keihl Gambell, "Dickens Christmas Carol"; Dec. 15, Rev. Warren H. Davis, Chaplain Seamen's Church Institute, and Mrs. Davis, pianist; Dec. 22, Visit from Santa Claus; Dec. 29 Christmas Party.

Mr. Donald F. Etherton, a senior at the Philadelphia Divinity School, has become Student Assistant at the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, 51st and Spruce Streets, where he will assist in the Church School, and the Sunday services, and all of the work among young people in this parish.

The exterior walls of the church and parish house of St. James Church, Evansburg, have been given a fresh coat of white paint.

The Rev. William X. Smith, rector of St. Mary's Church, 39th and Locust Streets, was guest preacher at an Anniversary Celebration Service at his former Parish, The Church of

the Incarnation, Cleveland, where he served as Assistant in 1933-34, and as Rector 1934-37.

Bishop Hart led devotions at the opening meeting of the Interdenominational Ministers' Union of Philadelphia and vicinity, of which the president is the Rev. Albert F. Fischer, rector of St. Mark's Church, Frankford.

The Rev. William P. C. Loane, chairman of the Music Commission of the Diocese, spoke on "Church Music" at a recent meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Advent, Kennett Square.

The Rev. and Mrs. Frederick Lee Richards, of St. Andrew's-in-the-Field Mission, Somerton, have announced the birth of their first child on Oct. 14. His name: Frederick Lee Richards, Jr.

Through cooperation of the vestry and members of various organizations of St. Barnabas Church, 64th and Haverford Ave., the auditorium of the parish house has been redecorated, permitting more extensive use for all activities of the parish.

Mrs. P. Blair Lee, Diocesan Custodian of the United Thank Offering, addressed a recent meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, on the work of the U. T. O.

The newly acquired Pardee house is being adapted for use as a rectory for St. Thomas Church, Whitmarsh. The old rectory is being used for parish offices, Church School rooms, etc.

Two complete Church Schools are now in operation at St. Peter's Church, Glenside, each Sunday morning at 9.30 and 11 a.m. Each session will conduct classes for children of all ages. Duplicate services are held in the church at the same hours.



Something new has been added to the life of the Church of the Holy Trinity. Eighteen children now make up the first children's choir at Holy Trinity in seventeen years. Their red robes with white collars and ties were made during the summer by the young adults of Trinity Club, as one of their projects.

Department of CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Advent Offering

The Advent Offering is the special vehicle thru which the children of our Church Schools learn about and as a result give to missionary work in our own diocese. Because the mission study accompanying the Lenten Offering is about areas outside our diocese children are apt to grow up believing mission work does not apply to work within the diocese. Here is an opportunity to correct these impressions and also to learn more about our own diocese.

You all know how towns seem to spring up overnight—today, open fields—tomorrow, a town. A couple of years ago we told you about St. Andrew's-in-the-Field, Somerton—and its need for better facilities to minister to such an area. They have built a new Church—worshipping in it for the first time on All Saints Day—and now because the rented rectory has been sold they face the problem of securing another one. In a new area it is difficult to find a house on a rental basis and the purchase price of the houses now available is much too high for St. Andrew's. So—the solution seems to be to purchase ground near the new church and build.

This is an emergency! Bishop Hart and the Deans have chosen St. Andrew's as the recipient of this year's Advent Offering—this is a wonderful opportunity for our boys and girls to see, and understand, the role of the Church in an expanding, fast growing area and also, to give a boost to St. Andrew's as it is seeking to carry out its role.

The New Program of Christian Education

The second in a series of articles by the Rev. David R. Hunter, Director of the Department of Christian Education of the National Council. (We suggest that you keep these articles for reference and study).

Part I—"How Is It New?" (continued)

Christian education is the Church's outreach to children, young people and adults *now*, precisely where they are living *now*, that they may know the power of God *now*. The future is important, but religion is a living reality that pertains to the present or it ceases to be religion.

When anybody sets about to engage in this kind of education, there is always the danger that he will settle for a program that has to do primarily with behavior and morals and character development. Such a program can certainly qualify on the grounds that it pertains to the present and is a down-to-earth program, but it falls far short of measuring up to the real purpose and nature of the Christian religion—that man from birth to death may know and feel the saving power of God through Jesus Christ which becomes ours through the fellowship of His Church.

The new curriculum is the Church-wide program whereby this objective of Christian education begins to become apparent in each aspect of the life of every one of our parishes and missions. The courses and aids now being prepared are tools which will assist us in this process.

All of the courses now in development are built on the valid Christian belief that every living person, regardless of age, needs the redemptive effect of being a part of the family of God, which family, by the grace of God, really reaches out and accepts him. It is also a part of our faith that this experience can be had by anybody in highly significant fashion and in ways appropriate to the needs and receptivity which characterize any age level. The day of postponement is therefore behind us. The great resources of our Christian heritage will be used in relation to our present need for oneness and acceptance and a sure sense of belongingness in a fellowship which is inwardly cherished and known.

Intensive Weekends

Intensive Weekends for parish groups have proven such dynamic experiences that the Department has decided to put the major emphasis this year on this method of education. The School of Christian Education Committee has postponed their plans for five area schools and will cooperate with the Adult Committee in planning for a series of weekend conferences. If your parish is interested in participating in one of these conferences in the near future, contact Room 30 so your parish can be put on the list.

New Audio-Visuals for Christmas

AND THERE WERE SHEPHERDS

FS, color, junior to adult
Sketches of the Christmas story based on St. Luke.

CHILD OF BETHLEHEM

FS, B&W, primary to adult
The Annunciation to the return from Egypt

CHRIST IS BORN

Slides, color, junior to adult
Christmas story based on St. Luke and St. Matthew. Decree of Caesar through coming of the Wise Men.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD

FS, color, records, older primary to adult
Christmas customs throughout the world in home, community and Church.

CHRISTOPHER MOUSE

FS, color, cartoon style, records, kindergarten to adult

The story of a field mouse who helps prepare the manger for the birth of Jesus.

HOLY CHILD OF BETHLEHEM

FS, color, junior to adult
The Annunciation through the coming of the Wise Men and the flight to Egypt.

HOLY NIGHT

FS, color, records, junior to adult
Prophecies of Isaiah, the Annunciation, the birth of Jesus and visit of the shepherds.

RUDOLPH THE RED NOSED

REINDEER

FS, color, kindergarten to junior
Rudolph's adventures with Santa Claus.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY (#1)

Slides, color, junior to adult
Journey to Bethlehem, birth, shepherds, wise men.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY (#2)

Slides, color, junior to adult
Same subject material as #1. Most pictures are duplicates of #1.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY IN ART

Slides, color, youth and adult
Christmas story as told through the study of world's masterpieces in art.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS

FS, color, primary to adult
The Annunciation to the flight to Egypt. Photographs of carved figures.

THE LITTLEST SHEPHERD'S GIFT

FS, color, drawings, primary and younger juniors
Fictional story. Boy finds and cares for a lame kid and then gives the kid to the baby Jesus.

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS

Slides, color, junior to adult
Real meaning and significance of our Christmas customs. Suggested ways of truly keeping Christmas.

THE SONG THE SHEPHERDS HEARD

FS, color, drawings, primary to adult
Fictional story based on the traditional Christmas story.

WHEN THE LITTLEST CAMEL KNELT

FS, color, cartoon style, records, kindergarten to adult
Story of a little camel who comes with the Wise Men to the baby Jesus.

THE THREE WISE MEN

FS, B&W, primary to adult
Based on St. Matthew's account of the Wise Men and the flight to Egypt.

THE OTHER WISE MAN

FS, B&W, drawings, Junior High to adult
Based on the story by Van Dyke.

THE STAR OF THE KING

FS, color, primary
Traditional story of the Wise Men.

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President's Message

This year may we discover how to celebrate the birth of Christ on richer and deeper levels than we have known before. Through Christmas Wrapping Day on December 11th we have the opportunity of sharing our Christmas joy with many institutions within the diocese. However, between December 16th and January 6th, no Auxiliary meetings are scheduled at the Church House so that we may find time for the quiet preparation of our hearts for the wondrous blessing we receive anew each Christmastide.

For Every Woman of the Diocese

SCHOOL OF PRAYER

CHRIST CHURCH

2nd Street above Market

Wednesday, December 2nd

10:30 to 1:00

Conductor:

Mrs. Samuel Shoemaker

The Provincial Synod

Your delegates; Mrs. Myers, Mrs. Gideon and Mrs. Banks; attended the Woman's Auxiliary meeting at the Synod in Easton, Maryland, and enjoyed the experience. We made new friends among the Woman's Auxiliary officers of neighboring dioceses and exchanged ideas. Two emphases stood out in various diocesan reports; one, the increasing interest in prayer study groups (Pennsylvania was glad to mention our School of Prayer on December 2nd), the other, the raising of scholarships for the training of young women for church work; as one of the Virginia presidents said, "We believe in investing our funds in young people." (Pennsylvania needs to get busy in recruiting young women and raising scholarships.) Enthusiastic support was given to the Provincial Conference to be held at Hood College, June 13-19, 1954.

Christmas Committee

The Department of Christian Social Relations and the Diocesan Committee of the Woman's Auxiliary, and the Diocesan Department of Christian Education are again co-operating in the program of the Christmas Committee. This Committee cannot function effectively without the support of all the parish branches. We are hoping, therefore, that you will help us with a gift of money or with gifts for one of the many Diocesan Missions or Institutions benefitted by the program.

If you will send a gift of money, we shall be able to do wholesale buying. Your checks may be sent to Mrs. John C. Braun, 5728 Hoffman Avenue, Phila. 43, Pa.

Then it is hoped that all will come and help with the wrapping of the gifts at the Church House, on Friday, December 11th at 10 a.m. On this day when we meet for this purpose, there is a genuine fellowship of a very special kind, and each parcel is wrapped with a prayer for those less fortunate and a hope that the true Spirit of Christmas may somehow enliven these institutions and missions.

If your auxiliary prefers to do its own buying and wrapping for a particular Mission or Institution, make certain the gifts are marked as to sex and age and are delivered to the Woman's Auxiliary Office, Church House by December 9th.



Christmas + or —?

Every action of the Christmas Season has educational value.

1. Christmas Giving: To an impersonal somebody somewhere, or to a person whose needs we have studied?

2. Christmas Story: A beautiful familiar legend, or the Incarnation, the Christian's breath of life?

3. Christmas Carols: Well-loved melodies, or the "good news" God has come to man?

4. Christmas Decorations: A task for a professional or a few workers, or the corporate "occasion" for the fellowship?

SAVE THE DATE!

Philadelphia Council of Churches
Woman's Department

Annual Luncheon

Broadwood Hotel

January 28, 1954, 12:30 p.m.

This year's theme, "Christ Calls to Mission and Unity"

hear

MRS. ROSA PAGE WELCH

who is making a unique
contribution to Christianity
around the world

Goal: representatives from every
parish

Visual Aids

"Our Newest Neighbors" filmstrip featuring "Spanish Speaking Americans in the U. S." rental 50c from the Woman's Auxiliary office.

Many favorable comments have been received regarding the incorporation of the Woman's Auxiliary Calendar in the CHURCH NEWS. One woman said, she "snipped out the Woman's Auxiliary pages and carries them in her pocketbook for reference."

The Elizabeth Price Martin League, Unit No. 1, is making plans for its Christmas work with the patients at the Philadelphia General Hospital.

+ AUXILIARY +

A Coffee Urn?

There is a need at the Divinity School in connection with the Teas that are often given there by the Bishop's Committee. And all know, from past experience, that to mention a need in our School, is tantamount to its being filled.

Our equipment is not adequate for the service we wish to give. Two large urns to hold water or coffee, with a flame underneath to keep the supply hot, come first on our list. We visualize old English silver or Sheffield plate. One or more of these may be lurking in someone's cupboard and the owners may be searching for someone to take them off their hands. We of the Hospitality Committee would gladly oblige!

Or, sometimes these come on the market at auctions and while we are waiting for one to appear a donation towards its purchase would be most welcome. Then again, someone might be moved to give the urn complete, to celebrate its happy appearance.

We also need a tea service—a large

teapot, china or silver, with its usual companions.

Having told our needs, we wait in joyous anticipation for the gifts that we know will come. And while waiting, and always, we feel deep gratitude to those whose help is so generous and unflinching.

Four members of the Bishop's Committee for the Philadelphia Divinity School will be glad to talk about the school at parish Auxiliary meetings. Mrs. Henry Biddle, Chairman, and Mrs. Francis R. Packard, Secretary; and Mrs. Edward C. Robbins and Mrs. Blackwell Newhall, Chairmen of the committee of Friends of the Divinity School. They may be reached by telephone either direct or through the Auxiliary office.



Please Help

The Sheltering Arms and The Children's Mission are in urgent need of knitted clothing for babies and children. If any sweaters, caps, mittens etc. are left over from your parish bazaar, won't you please send them immediately to the Supply Department of the Woman's Auxiliary at the Church House, Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia? They would be especially grateful to have as many things as possible in time for Christmas!

Nominations

Although the Annual Meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary will not take place until May, our Nominating Committee begins work in December.

Our By-laws, Article 2, Section 4 state, "In January parish branches shall be asked to send suggestions to the Nominating Committee," and in Article 2, Section 7, "The vice-president in charge of Christian Education; the vice-president in charge of Christian Social Relations; and the secretary shall be elected in the second year following the Triennial." This means these offices shall be filled in May 1954.

Article 2, Section 5 states, "Except for the treasurer and the assistant treasurer, no Diocesan Officer shall hold the same office for more than one elected term of three years."

May Fete Committee

The May Fete Committee for the Episcopal Hospital is endeavoring to make money to defray expenses for the next May Fete by selling tickets for the Ice Follies.

Excellent seats can be had for the evening performance on Monday, December 28, 1953 at the Arena, 46th & Market Streets, and the prices per seat are: \$3.90, \$3.25, \$2.60 and \$1.90.

If you are planning to go to the Ice Follies this year, will you purchase your tickets through Mrs. Frank K. Esherick, 521 Ott Road, Bala-Cynwyd, Pa.? You will see a beautiful and festive ice show and at the same time help this Episcopal Hospital May Fete Fund.

Calendar of Events

All meetings at the Church House at 10:30 a.m. unless otherwise stated. Light lunch served Wednesdays and Fridays.

Tues., Dec. 1, Diocesan Board

Wed., Dec. 2, School of Prayer 10:30-1:00
Christ Church, 2nd Street above Market

Conductor: Mrs. Samuel Shoemaker

Fri., Dec. 4, Church Periodical Club
Packing of Christmas Box

Wed., Dec. 9, Joint Meeting
Domestic Committee
Committee on Negro Work
Speaker, The Rev. Norman L. Foote,
Director National Town - Country
Church Institute, Parkville, Missouri

Fri., Dec. 11, 10:00 CHRISTMAS WRAPPING DAY

Fri., Dec. 11, 10:30 Prayer and Worship Committee

Fri., Dec. 11, Elizabeth Price Martin League,
Unit No. 2. Episcopal Hospital
10:30 a.m.

Wed., Dec. 16, Overseas Committee

Wed., Dec. 16, Diocesan Evening Auxiliary
Churchwoman's Club, 1919 Walnut Street

6:30 p.m. Dinner—Price \$1.10

Reservations before Dec. 11th

7:30 p.m. Meeting

Speaker, Mrs. Edward J. Parnum

Topic, Christmas Work in the Diocese

Changes in Stated Meetings

Committee on Negro Work

Joint meeting with Domestic Committee on December 9th, following which we will pack our Christmas Box for St. Bartholomew's Mission.

Diocesan Committee

No meeting on December 4th

December 11th we will cooperate with the Department of Christian Social Relations in wrapping Christmas gifts.

Christian Social Relations Department

December 11th, Christmas Wrapping Day

No meeting on December 18th.

Indian's Hope Association

No meeting in December.

Looking Ahead

Wed., Jan. 6th, Joint Meeting

Committee on Negro Work

Overseas Committee

Fri., Jan. 8th, Prayer and Worship Committee

THE EPISCOPAL ACADEMY

"What do you teach?" This is the question most frequently asked of the Chaplain at The Episcopal Academy. The question is accompanied usually with some general knowledge of the field of Sacred Studies, but now, specific information is sought. "What do you teach at The Episcopal Academy?"

The scheme of Sacred Studies at The Academy is built upon one central idea—that the fullest education is one with God at its center; that each Academy boy must be made aware of the centrality of Almighty God in his life. Such is the emphasis, and on such a foundation is the entire curriculum based.

In the Upper School of The Academy the course of study is divided into five areas of presentation. The program begins with a general presentation of Holy Scripture as the continuous record of a religious community from the stage of the Semitic clan to the evolution of the Christian Church. The second stage might be called, "Christ as they saw Him," meaning as His contemporaries saw Him. It is a presentation of Our Lord through the eyes of contemporary witnesses and the heritage the witnesses left as a result. The third area of detailed study in the program is a course in Church history, tracing the Church from its origins in the Apostolic Community to the drama of Contemporary Christian history. In the Fifth Form effort is made to teach a mature and informative program of Bible study emphasizing biblical origins and the critical problems involved in reading and interpreting scripture. In the Sixth Form, students are given opportunity to openly and frankly discuss Christian living in terms of their own lives and experiences. In this final course it is hoped that a youthful Christian Apologetic will be developed by the Academy boy himself, one understood and practiced.

In the Middle and Lower Schools the Sacred Studies course aims to prepare for the period of more intense study by a varied presentation of Christian living and understanding Holy Scripture in story and worship.

Such is the program of Sacred Studies at The Episcopal Academy. God willing, it aims to teach the boy of the importance and supremacy of God in every area of his life and activity.

IN GOD'S KEEPING

Mr. Paul Medary, a former Vestryman of St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Bucks County and Rector's Warden, died on September 30 at Royal Oak, Maryland, and was buried from St. Luke's Church on October 3. He was a brother of the Rev. Henry Medary, sometime rector of the Church of the Advocate, Philadelphia.

Richard P. Slayton, former vestryman of Trinity Church, Ambler, died Oct. 18 and was buried from the church Oct. 22.

Mr. Thomas G. Aspinwall, a member of the board of the Seamen's Church Institute, died on Oct. 22 and was buried on Oct. 24 from the Church of St. Martin-in-the-Fields.

John I. Squire, some years ago a vestryman and a devoted member of St. Paul's Church, Overbrook, was buried from that church on September 22, having died as a result of an automobile accident.

Mr. William Ware, lay reader at St. Matthew's Church, 18th and Girard Avenue, died on September 22 at the Harrison Home, where he had resided in recent years.



CLERICAL CHANGES

The Rev. Ernest Sinfield, former canon of the Cathedral at Garden City, Long Island, is now rector of the Church of the Atonement, Morton.

The Rev. Frank W. Bonyng, has retired after 27 years as Vicar at the Chapel of the Holy Communion, 27th and Wharton Streets.

The Rev. Alfred N. Redding, formerly in charge of Epiphany Church, Burnet, Texas, is now rector of Grace Church and the Incarnation, Edgemont and Venango Streets, having been instituted on Oct. 26.

The Rev. Elnore C. Young, former rector of the Church of the Good Samaritan, Paoli, has accepted the rectorship of All Saints' Church, Belmont, in the Diocese of Massachusetts.

The Rev. Roland S. Lindsay, formerly assistant at All Saints' Church, Omaha, Neb., was instituted as rector of St. Gabriel's Church, Roosevelt Boulevard and Front Street, by Bishop Armstrong, Oct. 28.

The Rev. Franklin Funk, since 1947 vicar of the Chapel of the Nativity, was instituted as rector of the Church of the Holy Nativity, 2101 65th Ave. on Oct. 11. This church was formerly a parochial chapel of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

The Rev. D. B. Stevick, who has been temporarily in charge of Trinity Mission, Gulph Mills, has become vicar of Grace Church, Hulmeville, and All Saints' Church, Fallsington. He succeeds the Rev. E. Clarendon Hyde, who has gone to Minnesota.

The Rev. James R. McDowell, who is chaplain at the Episcopal Academy, is also vicar of Trinity Mission, Gulph Mills.

GAMBLING AT RETREATS

By FREDERICO F. MAUCK

In a Confirmation sermon, Bishop Hart has spoken of the necessity of a Christian gambling his life for Christ. This game of chance has been brought to the attention of THE LAYMEN'S RETREAT ASSOCIATION when recently, in response to a notice of a forthcoming Retreat, one of the clergy was kind enough to point out the following objections which he faced when trying to promote retreats in his parish.

"1. It is too Romanish—too monastic.

"2. It is for those who do not like their Church service Sunday morning, but nothing could make me miss ours.

"3. Religion is a fellowship and family matter, not a man going off, or a woman going off to get it. It is the thing that they cultivate together which counts.

"4. Few leaders are brilliant enough to sustain the inspiration over three days.

"5. An atmosphere of special meaning and one requiring great preparation and effort is required for us to do any good."

The stakes are not very high.

The Association has never thought it necessary to ask THE CHURCH NEWS to afford the space to answer these objections to devoting thirty-six hours of a weekend to prayer, worship and attending five short meditations for the purpose of preparing, quieting and opening the mind, the heart and the soul to hear the voice of God.

The odds are in the retreatant's favor.

There may be some other "percentages" why the men in some parishes have not been able to undertake this form of adventure. The Association has asked THE CHURCH NEWS to publish this appeal that you ordained as pastors, priests and prophets advise us the other objections why "your men" have been unable to attend.

The Association will endeavor to correct the reasons for the other objections and upon request will provide speakers to appear before your men's club or corporate communions to acquaint your laity with the heavenly blessings, strengthening grace, spiritual refreshment obtained by the receptive at a Retreat.

In this risk there is a holy prize for everyone.

Office of the Secretary—412 DeKalb Street, Norristown, Pa.

ST. PAUL'S CHAPEL, NORTH PENN., MERGED WITH CHURCH OF THE ADVOCATE

By voluntary action the entire congregation of St. Paul's Chapel, North Penn., were recently transferred to the spiritual care of the Rector of the Church of the Advocate, 18th and Diamond Streets. These good people were completely organized with Chapel Board and other Officials; by their unanimous action this representation was lost. The Vestry of the Advocate by special resolution has overcome, in part, this loss. Mr. Walter W. Morris, former Chapel Accounting Warden was placed upon the Vestry to fill the unexpired term of Mr. Thomas E. Wallis.

SEAMEN'S CHURCH INSTITUTE

An Annual Memorial Service was held in the Chapel of the Redeemer at the Seamen's Church Institute on October 26. This service commemorates those who, having given encouragement and substantial assistance to the work of the Institute during the year, have gone on to the larger life. Those seamen and others associated with the Institute whose names are recorded in the memorial list are also remembered in prayer at this time, since the service is always near All Saints' Day.

This year a memorial gift was received at the service for use in the Chapel. It is in memory of Nina Levick Neilson, given by the Girls' Friendly Society of St. Andrew's, West Manayunk, where she was their leader for many years. Miss Mary Robinson unveiled the tablet marking the chair.

Bishop Hart took part in the service, and presided at the meeting following it, when reports were given by the officers and representatives of the many auxiliaries of the Institute.

All are especially interested in the need to seek new quarters due to the Mall project's plan to use the Institute's present property. Suggestions are welcome as plans for the future are being considered.

WORLD ANGLICANS TO MEET IN U. S.

Minneapolis will be the scene next year of the Anglican Congress, a meeting of bishops, priests, laymen, and laywomen from 325 dioceses of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Dates for this gathering are August 4 to 13, 1954, and the theme will be, "The Call of God and the Mission of the Anglican Communion."

Only precedent for such a convocation is the Pan-Anglican Congress of

1908, which met in London and was organized along the same lines as the Lambeth Conference. Held in England at intervals of approximately ten years, these are meetings of bishops only. At the last Lambeth Conference it was felt that another kind of world-wide meeting was also needed, one which would provide an even more comprehensive voice for the Anglican Communion. It recommended that such a congress be called soon "to witness to our common faith and to confer on matters of common interest."

As Presiding Bishop of the host Church, Bishop Sherrill will preside over the meetings, and both he and the Archbishop of Canterbury will address the opening session. All the dignitaries of the Anglican Communion are expected to attend. They will come from such distant places as India, Africa, Japan, Australia, and Korea. To enable as many to come as possible, a number of U. S. dioceses have volunteered to sponsor one or more delegations.

Mrs. Alfred M. Chapman, a communicant of this diocese, has been appointed as a delegate to the Anglican Congress by the National Council, of which she is a member.

TEN YEARS AGO

On July 17, 1943, occurred the death of the Rt. Rev. Francis Marion Taitt, who had served as Bishop of Pennsylvania since March 1, 1929. The Rt. Rev. Oliver James Hart, who had been consecrated as Bishop Coadjutor October 16, 1942, immediately succeeded as the Diocesan. A service for the enthronement of Bishop Hart was held in the Cathedral Church of Christ, Roxborough, on St. Matthew's Day, Tuesday, Sept. 21.

Bishop Hart ordained the Rev. Charles B. Mauch, rector of Christ Church, Upper Merion (Bridgeport), as deacon November 20, 1943.

The Very Rev. John H. A. Bomberger, Dean of the Convocation of W. Phila., and rector of the Church of the Holy Apostles and the Mediator, began his work as rector there in 1943.

Cooperative Shop Card Party

Thanks, and a report on the Co-operative Shop Card Party sponsored by the FOUNDERS COMMITTEE, and held on October 19th at Wanamaker's. Greek Hall was comfortably filled with players who brought with them enough donated articles to over-

flow three huge cartons. Mrs. Maxson, chairman of the Party, reports that net profits on tickets were \$222.72, donations were \$163.35, making a total profit of \$386.07. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a success.



Mrs. Albert E. Roussel, co-chairman for the card party, stands by the truck which transported articles to Co-operative Shop.

NATIVITY STORY REVISED

School children in Hungary are being taught a new Communist version of the birth of Christ in which the Bethlehem shepherds are portrayed as Russians, according to Hungarian refugees reaching Trieste.

One refugee gave this description of the way the story of the Nativity is taught:

"There was once a poor married couple who had nothing to eat or to dress in. They asked the rich people for help but the rich people sent them away. Their baby was born in a stable and covered with rags in a manger. The day after the baby was born, some shepherds, who had come from Russia, brought the baby some gifts.

"We come from a country (said the shepherds) where poverty and misery are unknown. In Russia the babies grow in liberty because there is no unemployment or suffering. Joseph, the unemployed worker, asked the shepherds how they had found the house. The shepherds replied that a red star had guided them. Then the poor family took to the road. The shepherds covered the little baby with furs and they all set out for Soviet paradise."

DIOCESAN LIBRARY

All books are to be checked out and returned at the Information Window or with the Librarian.

NEW BOOKS PURCHASED

Art and the Reformation—G. G. Coulton
The Christian Attitude to Other Religions—E. C. Dewick
Christian Belief Today—J. W. C. Wand and others
Christian Faith and Natural Science—Karl Heim
The Christian Gospel and the Parish Church—Charles D. Kean
Christian Love—Paul E. Johnson
Christian Paths to Self-Acceptance—Robert H. Bonthius
Mens Creatrix—William Temple
In the Steps of Jesus—H. V. Morton
The Story of Jesus—Theodore Parker Ferris
In Parables—Clovis G. Chappell
A History of Christianity—Kenneth Scott Latourette
The History and Treasures of Westminster Abbey—L. E. Tanner
Early Christian Fathers—Cyril C. Richardson
Zwingli and Bullinger—C. W. Bromley
George Whitefield—Albert D. Belden
Unity in Faith—E. E. Barnes and Joseph Wittkofski
The Modernist Movement in the Roman Church—A. R. Vidler

ADVENT QUIET DAYS

At St. Margaret's House, 5419 Germantown Avenue, Philadelphia 44, Pa. Advent Quiet Day, Tuesday, December 15th, 1953. Holy Eucharist at 8:30 a.m., First Meditation at 10:15 a.m. The day closes at 3:15 p.m. Conductor: the Reverend H. Lawrence Whittemore.

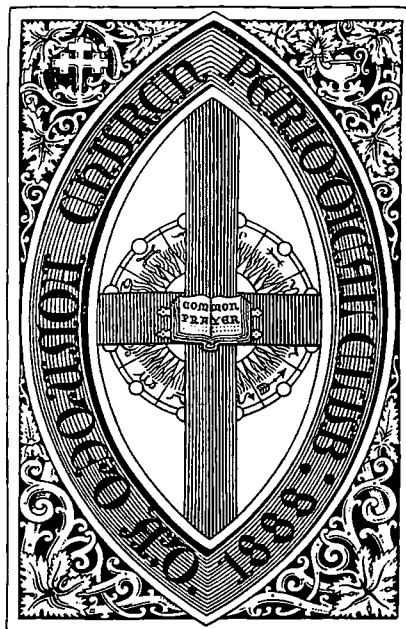
A Quiet Evening in Preparation for Christmas, Saturday, December 19th, from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. Conductor: The Reverend Walter E. Frieman. Please register early with the Sister-in-Charge. VIctor 4-4612.

EPISCOPAL CHURCH RANKS SEVENTH IN MEMBERSHIP

The Episcopal Church ranks seventh in membership in American churches, according to the 1953 Yearbook of American Churches, published Sept. 14 by the National Council of Churches.

Total church membership in the United States has reached an all-time high of 92,277,129, with an unprecedented gain of 4.1% over last year. Church membership gains for the year were two and a half times population gains and twice as high as gains recorded for any previous year.

Members of the Protestant Episcopal Church within the continental United States totaled 2,482,887. When the Protestant churches were grouped into families, the Episcopal Church ranked fifth, following the Baptists, Methodists, Lutheran, and Presbyterian.



DIocese of Pennsylvania

This official book plate of the Church Periodical Club is reproduced from an illuminated sketch made by Miss Nancy Ferguson, of St. Luke's Church, Germantown.

GIRLS' FRIENDLY SOCIETY PROJECTS

Looking toward Christmas, the Girls' Friendly Society in this Diocese will centralize its work on these projects:

Remembering the blind administered to by the City Mission, which Agency works with those deprived of sight in their homes, in foster homes and in institutions.

Helping to bring the Christmas spirit to the many patients in Byberry, by co-operating with other Agencies in providing necessities and holiday gifts for the guests of that Institution.

The Annual G.F.S. Ingathering for the Seamen's Church Institute, which will be held, under the auspices of the Senior Club on Wednesday, December 9th at the Churchwoman's Club, 1919 Walnut Street, from 3 until 6 P.M. when knitted articles, magazines, books, ditty bags and other gifts for the men on shipboard are brought for distribution at the holiday time. Appropriately, this being the regular Club meeting night, the Rev. Warren Davis, Institute Chaplain, and Mrs. Davis will be guests and Mr. Davis will address the Club meeting. All are invited to the exhibition in the afternoon.

A plus 80% Branch participation is reported by the Chairman of Missions, Miss E. W. Beatty, for the year 1953. The Society's mission object for 1954 will be Haiti, and it is hoped that an even higher percentage will participate in 1954, particularly with the inspiration given and interest aroused by the address of the Bishop of Haiti, the Rt. Rev. C. Alfred Vogeli at the United Thank Offering Service last month.

The G.F.S. welcomes into its fellowship the new Branch recently formed at Gloria Dei Parish.

A MEMORIAL FUND FOR CHRIST CHURCH HOSPITAL

The Ladies' Committee of Christ Church Hospital announces the establishment of "The Christ Church Hospital Memorial Fund." This fund provides the opportunity to contribute varying amounts, small or large, to a general fund which will be used for appropriate purposes. A card will be sent to the nearest survivor of the person memorialized, and an acknowledgment to the donor. Gifts to such a fund are tax-deductible. Where a specific purpose is designated for the use of a gift, it will be put to that use. Checks should be made payable to "The Christ Church Hospital Memorial Fund."

IN THE DIOCESE

St. Luke's Church, Newtown, Bucks County, has recently purchased a house adjacent to the Church to meet the needs of the greatly increased Church School enrollment. After having been redecorated by a group of men belonging to the Men's Guild, the house was first used on St. Luke's Day for the annual Parish Supper held on the Patronal Feast.

The Women's Club of St. Barnabas Church, 64th and Haverford Ave., recently presented a Fashion Show, which drew approximately 220 guests. The latest fall fashions were presented and the guests were entertained by excellent musical talent and later served refreshments.

To meet the expanding needs of the Church School at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, additional class rooms have been constructed in the basement of the church building.

The Rev. William H. Dunphy, rector of Christ Church, Ridley Park, recently addressed the Associate Alumni of the General Theological Seminary in New York on "Anglican Mythology and the Reunion of Christendom."

Bishop Hart conducted the service for the Institution of the Rev. James Robertson MacColl, III, as rector of St. Thomas Church, Whitmarsh, on the evening of St. Luke's Day.

The Witness, a national magazine of the Episcopal Church, has published an article "The Layman—He is Spiritual Too!" written by Mr. Wilson C. Leithead, a vestryman of St. Stephen's Church, 10th Street.

Mrs. Elmer R. Strunk has become the organist at All Saints' Church, Crescentville. Mr. Metz remains as the director of the choir.

A deed for a pew in the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, bearing the date 1867 and signed by John Bohlen and Lemuel Coffin as Wardens during the rectorship of Phillips Brooks was sent to the Rector recently with the comment "The Church became so popular under the late Bishop Brooks that such deeds as this one were bought and sold at Barnes and Lofland at a price as high as \$3000."

The Rev. Charles E. Finch, of the P.D.S. faculty, will be guest preacher at St. Mark's Church, 1625 Locust St., each Wednesday in December from 12:10 to 12:30 p.m.

PRESIDING

BISHOP'S MESSAGE



Christmas 1953

The events of today have to do with discord, confusion, cruelty, suffering, and the threat of mass destruction. It is no wonder if in the light of all this, there is the spectre of despair haunting the minds and hearts of millions of men and women of every nation and race. There is the temptation for us of the Church to light an ecclesiastical candle, draw the curtains to shut out the enveloping darkness, and to live and worship in a dream world of our own.

Such is, of course, an impossibility, nor is this the way of the Gospel of Christ. This is God's world which He so loved that He gave His only begotten Son. Christ came to draw all men. He is not the Messenger of despair and of defeat, but of hope and of victory. He brings the gift of power.

So at Christmastide we find anew the sources of courage and of strength. We realistically face the facts but also the greater Fact of Christ with the prayer that He will guide our feet into the way of peace.

HENRY KNOX SHERRILL
Presiding Bishop

IN THE DIOCESE

Dr. Chu, from the Chinese Christian Center in Philadelphia, was the speaker at a recent meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of St. George's Church, Ardmore.

The Clericus, a club for clergymen founded by Phillips Brooks when he was rector of the Church of the Holy Trinity, Rittenhouse Square, recently celebrated its 85th anniversary with a banquet at a Philadelphia hotel.

At Gloria Dei Church on Nov. 1 the Rev. Ernest C. Earp was the preacher at a special service of thanksgiving commemorating the 20th anniversary of the Rev. John Craig Roak as rector of "Old Swedes."

On Nov. 4 Bryn Mawr College girls were entertained in the parish house of the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr, at a tea arranged by members of the college alumnae within the parish.

At a luncheon following the service celebrating the 20th anniversary of the ordination of the Rev. Aubrey Cragg, vicar of the Prince of Peace Chapel, 22nd and Morris Streets, the people presented their vicar with a gift of \$100.

All Saints' Day marked the opening service in the new church building at St. Andrew's-in-the-Field Mission, Somerton.

In the rectory of Christ Church, Media, major repairs have just been completed: replacing braces, cementing cellar, new heating system, modernizing kitchen, enlarging dining room, installation of closets on second floor, etc. Cost about \$8,000 instead of \$35,000 or more for a new rectory.

In order to bring to interested persons the story of Washington Cathedral and the National Cathedral Association, Mrs. Roland Whitehurst, Regional Chairmen for Southeastern Pennsylvania, will be glad to go to any parish and give an illustrated talk on the Cathedral. She may be reached at 627 W. Cliveden Street, Phila. 19, telephone, VICTOR 4-8557.

Bishop Hart, officiated at the dedication of Druin Moir as a home for retired clergy on Nov. 16, in the presence of a large group of the clergy and other church people. The first guests are now in residence.

IN THE DIOCESE

A service for the blessing of an educational bus exhibit dedicated to preventing juvenile crime increase was recently held at the Church of St. John the Evangelist, 3rd and Reed Streets.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Chapter of St. Barnabas Church, 64th and Haverford Avenue, held its first meeting for the season at the Philadelphia Divinity School. At subsequent meetings the Rev. Alfred M. Smith spoke on the work of the Philadelphia City Mission and the Rev. Arthur G. Elcombe spoke on the work of the Episcopal Hospital, where he serves as chaplain.

St. Mary's Church, 39th and Locust Streets, has a new Junior Choir of Girls, trained and directed by Mrs. William X Smith, wife of the Rector. These girls, for whom new blue cassocks and white cottas have been provided, as well as new Hymnals, will sing in the Church on special occasions, supplementing the regular Choir. They first appeared last Whitsunday, when they sang the entire Service with the regular Choir, and also appeared at the Mite Box Presentation Service at the Episcopal Academy. The new Organist and Choirmaster is Mr. Temple Painter, a scholarship student at the Curtis Institute of Music.

"The Stork Club" at the Church of St. Andrew's-in-the-Field, Somerton, is an exclusive group for infants and small children open on Sunday from 11 to 12 o'clock. Membership? Dues? A pair of parents attending service are all that's needed as an entree into this society.

The people of the Church of the Resurrection, Mayfair, are working on a Mortgage Retirement Fund to pay off the remaining indebtedness on the rectory.

The people of All Saints' Church, Darby, are celebrating the fifth anniversary of their rector, the Rev. Charles D. Snowden, on the first Sunday in December.

A Convocation Service for the Young People's Fellowship was held in St. Mark's Church, Frankford, Sunday evening, Oct. 18. The speaker was the Rev. Edward G. Harris, Chaplain, of the University of Pennsylvania.

DINNER TO HONOR THE REV. GEORGE A. TROWBRIDGE

A Thanksgiving Dinner to celebrate the burning of the mortgage on the Fellowship Commission Building and to honor the Rev. George A. Trowbridge, Rector of St. Paul's, Chestnut Hill, was held at the Warwick Hotel, Monday, November 16.

Purchased in 1945 during Mr. Trowbridge's presidency, the building—with renovations—cost \$97,000, an obligation incurred with only \$261 in the bank and 48 members on the books.

Mortgage payments were completed this summer.

Dr. William E. Stevenson, president of Oberlin College and long-time friend and associate of Mr. Trowbridge, was principal speaker.



Bequests, Gifts, Memorials

New hymnals were placed in Christ Church, 6th and Venango Streets, in loving memory of James Wilson, who was Senior Warden and life long member of the church. Choir hymnals were given in loving memory of Lottie Orfe, for many years secretary of the Woman's Guild. Prayer books were given by members of the parish in memory of loved ones.

At St. Mary's Church, 39th and Locust Streets, the following gifts are reported:

An Altar Service Book was stolen from this Church last spring, and now a replacement has been obtained, given in memory of Aglaé Bache. This is to be used at the High Altar. From general Parish maintenance funds, the entire interior of the Parish House has been repainted. The Women of Saint Mary's have provided for a new asphalt tile floor in both kitchens in the Parish House, as well as for the hallway between the two. A drive has provided funds for a special Improvement Fund, totaling at present somewhat over \$5,000. From this fund, the following improvements have been made, or contracts have been let therefor: Installation of automatic oil heat for the Church, the Parish House, and the Rectory. The repainting of the interior of the Church. Repairs to and weatherproofing for the five clerestory windows in the Church.

Two brass vases and an altar service book were recently given to St. David's Church, Radnor, in loving memory of DeWitt Crowell Clement, Jr.

At the Church of the Resurrection, Mayfair, a set of offering plates were recently dedicated in loving memory of Ruth Juneimann. At the same service pews were dedicated in loving memory of Julius Agner,

CHURCH ARMY TRAINING PROGRAM

The Church Army is a Fellowship of men and women who have banded together to serve the Church full-time as lay Missionaries and lay workers. Applicants need a high school education or its equivalent, and should be in good health. Episcopalians who feel called by God to serve Christ in a full-time ministry such as parochial workers, leading Bible Fellowships and prayer groups, training laity as Bible study leaders, for local religious census and survey efforts, and for lay visitation; or to be evangelistic workers in trailer camps, in factories, among migrants and in settlement houses; or as lay Chaplains in hospitals, homes, prisons; or as lay missionaries and teachers are asked to write for training information from The Church Army, 27 West 25th Street, New York 10, N. Y.

Anne Armstrong, Warren Crompton, The Kern Family, Simon Kumkumian, William A. McCuen, Robert McQuade, Charles Pratt, Lillian E. Riffert, Edwin Ryalls, Mary R. Shaw, George W. Weil, Martha Whitham. Other pews given not as memorials but as a Thanksgiving to Almighty God for many blessings in life, Fannie Carter, Robert L. Mannal, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Metzger and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rawes.

Miss Olivia Irwin, who died Aug. 26, made Zion Church, Logan, the residuary legatee of her estate.

A red silk pulpit fall was dedicated at the Church of the Epiphany, Royersford, on St. Luke's Day, in loving memory of Leonard Treichler.

Two leather covered chairs for use in the sanctuary of Emmanuel Church, Holmesburg, were recently given by the Girls' League and the Girls' Friendly Society of this parish.

Mrs. V. Gilpin Robinson, who died Oct. 6, bequeathed the sum of \$1,500 to Christ Church, Media.

A new electric clock for the auditorium of the parish house of Holy Trinity Church, Lansdale, has been given by Mr. and Mrs. William F. Trakat, Jr.

A communion rail for the Epiphany Chapel of All Saints' Church, Crescentville, made by Mr. Alonzo T. Stevens, Jr., was dedicated on All Saints' Day.

On St. Luke's Day the following memorials were blessed and dedicated at St. Luke's Church, Kensington: Bronze Sanctuary Lamp, Center, given by Mr. and Mrs. William Wray in memory of their son, Spun Brass Sanctuary Lamp, Gospel Side, given by Mr. and Mrs. James Roach in thanksgiving for the recovery from illness

of their son, James. Spun Brass Sanctuary Lamp, Epistle Side, given by Mr. and Mrs. Samuel MacIntyre in thanksgiving for Mr. MacIntyre's recovery from illness. Spun Brass Pavement Candlesticks, given by Mrs. Josephine Chance in memory of her grandparents. Royal Red Altar Carpet, given by Mr. and Mrs. Adolph Stressman in memory of Mrs. Stressman's mother and father. Gold and Red Festival Cope, the corporate gift of Mrs. James Chambers, Mrs. Samuel MacIntyre and Mrs. Thomas Whitehead, Sr. The hand sewing of the cope has been the work of Mrs. Chambers.

At St. James Church, Hestonville, on October 4th a set of imported crystal Communion Cruets was blessed. They were engraved by the Church Sexton, a Roman Catholic, and a former Master Glass Cutter. The large cruet was given in loving memory of Harry Allen. The two small cruets were given to the Glory of God as a Thank offering by Ida Warner, Eleanor Laum and Theodore Wright.

The following items were given for the Chapel of the Guardian Angels at the House of Rest, which was dedicated in September: Altar given by John Reginold Marvin in memory of his son John Field Marvin and his brother George Ritchie Marvin; Three Prayer Desks given by Miss Eleanor Hill in memory of Clara Walsh Hill, John Henry Hill, Harry A. Brownhill; Clergy Chair given by Clara Beittenmiller in memory of her husband; Clergy Chair given by Woman's Auxiliary, of Grace Church, Mt. Airy; Dossal given by the House Family; Chalice and Patten given by Woman's Auxiliary of Church of

Messiah, Gwynedd, in memory of Mrs. Richard Vaux; Ciborium given by Mrs. May F. Ritter in memory of her mother, Amanda Witmer Filbert; Tankard given by Mrs. Frank A. Wills in memory of her mother, Mary Knight Miller; Candle Lighter given by Woman's Auxiliary. All Hallows, Wyncote; Painting of Madonna and Child given by Mrs. Arthur N. Goodfellow in memory of her Aunt, Elizabeth Thorp; Pair Brass Flower Vases given by Mrs. M. M. Sonnakalb in memory of her Sister, Grace Eleanor Mohr and her Mother, Grace Ann Smith; Altar Cross given by Mrs. Arthur N. Goodfellow, in

memory of her husband; Pair Eucharistic Candle Sticks given in memory of Arthur N. Goodfellow, by friends; Pair Antique Silver Vases given by Mrs. Robert M. Anderson, in memory of her family and friends; Two stained glass windows given by Mrs. Milton F. Baringer, in memory of Mr. Baringer; Two windows in memory of a Charter Member of the Board of Managers, Julia Davis Ackroyd, one given by her daughters, the other by the Woman's Auxiliary of the Church of the Resurrection, Tioga; Dozen Eucharistic Candles given by Clara Beittenmiller, in memory of Mrs. Richard Vaux.



Guests of the House of Rest, together with the Rev. Edward H. Vogt, chaplain, at worship in the new Chapel of the Guardian Angels.



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IN THE DIOCESE

Episcopal Students at Ursinus College were entertained for dinner by the people of nearby St. James Church, Evansburg. This marked the beginning of the year's work among Church men and women students carried on by the Rev. Edward Platts, rector of St. James Church.

At the Church of St. Andrew's-in-the-Field, Somerton, the Woman's Auxiliary will alternate meetings between daytime and evening, to make the meetings available to more women.

On All Saints' Day a special offering was given by the people of All Saints' Church, Darby, to defray the indebtedness on the organ of that church.

The Rev. Charles E. Tuke, who has resigned as rector of the Church of St. John the Evangelist, Lansdowne, was tendered a testimonial dinner at the Rolling Green Golf Club on the evening of October 16. The occasion was sponsored by the Men's Club of the

parish and was attended by about 200 men and women. Clergy from all of the churches in the community were called upon to speak, as was the Rev. Harris E. Baldwin, Jr., who has just resigned as assistant, and the Rev. Francis P. Davis, the new rector.

Mr. Kenneth Johnson, for 25 years bass soloist at St. John's Church, Norristown, was recently presented with a gold cross, a purse of money and a cigarette case on the occasion of his resignation from the choir.

Bishop Armstrong is chairman of a committee of sponsors for an Institute on Judaism and Christianity which met in the Central Y. M. C. A. from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on November 23.

A special amplifying system was set up in St. Clement's Church for the Doctrinal Mission conducted there Oct. 25 to Nov. 1 by the Rev. Raymond Raynes, C.R., Superior of the Community of the Resurrection, Mirfield, England.

The speaker at the first fall meeting of the Men's Club of St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, was Mr. Robert W. Neathery, a vestryman of St. Mary's, science teacher at the Episcopal Academy, and lecturer in Astronomy at the Franklin Institute.

Mr. Reed A. Morgan has served on the vestry of St. Luke's Church, Germantown, for over 50 years.

Bishop Hart marked the 11th anniversary of his consecration as bishop on October 16 at the Cathedral Church of Christ in Roxborough. He was celebrant at a service of Holy Communion attended by the clergy of the diocese.

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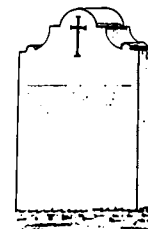
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On the afternoons of Thursday and Friday, December 3 and 4, "A Swedish Christmas" will be opened at Gloria Dei (Old Swedes') Church, Delaware Ave. and Christian St. The highlight will be at three o'clock on Thursday when Miss Julia Williamson will read "The Legend of the Christmas Rose" by Selma Lagerlof. Swedish cookies and coffee will follow in the gaily festooned Parish Hall. Unusual imports will be on sale to make Christmas giving distinctive and decorations delightfully different—paper picture panels, Nativity creches, cards, candles, brass and wrought iron and red painted wooden articles all from the folk art of Sweden. A special feature will be a hand-blocked Christmas linen hanging of rare beauty depicting the Nativity—also aprons, table cloths, towels in rich bright peasant colors.



Swedish Christmas Print.

On the evening of Friday, December 11 at 7:45, the Lucia Fest and presentation of Swedish Christmas Customs will be presented in the ancient church. A group of fifty young people, under the direction of Miss Katharine R. Rambo, will form the candlelight procession in honor of the Lucia Bride, in accordance with the tradition of Swedish custom.

IN THE DIOCESE

In order to meet the strain on the electric wiring to carry a television broadcast of a church service, certain replacements in the supply of electric power were necessary at the Church of the Holy Sacrament, Highland Park. The telecast was scheduled over WPTZ Sunday morning, Nov. 22, at 10 o'clock.

St. Mary's Church, Ardmore, has purchased a house at 1313 Wyngate Ave., Wynnewood, as a rectory. The

former rectory on Ardmore Avenue, near the church, will be used for other parish purposes.

The Oak Road Day School for children from 3 to 5 years of age is conducted by Mrs. Muriel Davis in the parish house of the Church of the Good Shepherd, Germantown.

The Church of St. Philip-in-the-Fields, Oreland, has acquired property adjoining its previous holdings, to be used for parking facilities and for future expansion.

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